

AMENDMENT

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42 position, a rapamycin having a linking group at the 31 position, and a rapamycin having a linking group at both the 42 position and the 31 position, wherein said molecule is conjugated to an immunogenic carrier material via said linking group.

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Claim 37. (Amended) The monoclonal antibody of Claim 33, wherein said immunogenic carrier material is a protein selected from the group consisting of keyhole limpet hemocyanin and ovalbumin.

Please add the following new claims:

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-- Claim 41. A monoclonal antibody which specifically binds to an antigen which is specifically bound by the monoclonal antibody secreted by hybridoma RAP-42-OVAF<sub>2</sub>#1hc, wherein said hybridoma has been deposited and accorded ATCC Accession No. 11568.

Claim 42. A monoclonal antibody according to any one of Claims 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, or 38, obtained by:

- (a) administering said immunogen to an appropriate animal species to effect immunogenic challenge and recovery of antibody producing-cells sensitized to said immunogen;
- (b) immortalizing said antibody-producing cells; and
- (c) recovering said monoclonal antibody from a selected immortalized cell line thus established.

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Claim 43. A hybridoma capable of producing a monoclonal antibody as defined in any one of Claims 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38 or 41.